

Joseph W. Beck (- 19 Nov 1854)

Beck. On the 19th instant, Joseph Beck, in the 61st year of his age. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, corner of 3d and A streets, Capitol Hill on Friday at 2 o'clock p.m.

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Sudden Death

We regret to hear that Jos. W. Beck, Esq., one of our old and most valuable citizens, died suddenly last night, at his residence on Capitol Hill, of an asthmatic affection, which has been very prevalent during a few weeks past. Mr. Beck has been for years a justice of the peace in the county of Washington, and at the time of his death occupied the position of police magistrate of the Fifth district. The suddenness of his death raised doubts in the minds of his friends this morning as to the truth of the report. He was attending to business last evening, we are told, and was attacked soon after his business hours and died in a very short time after.